

The Freeman.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1878.

See our advertisements of Jersey calves for sale.

Today is the third anniversary of our second great fire.

Lawn mowers have been brought into use at this early date.

The frog singeth, and the boy of the period is in search of suitable places to go in swimming.

Dear Warden of this town has removed his family to Groton, and will start for California in a few days.

Four years ago this morning those attempting to go out doors had the pleasure of walking through a foot of snow.

Mr. A. J. Phillips has been engaged to take charge of musical instruction in the Union School during the remainder of the present term.

The best tomato plants may be found at the *Argus* and *Patriot* store, Montpelier, when the time comes to set them out, and don't you forget it.

Mark M. Cutler sold his matched pair of horses last week. They are to go to Cleveland, Ohio. Report says that the price paid for them was \$1700.

Samuel Prentiss, of New York, has been spending a few days in town. This is his first visit to his native town since his removal from here twelve years ago.

The spring poultry crop is pretty nearly harvested, and will pan out forty bushels to the acre, and this has been a particularly good year for spring poultry.

We understand that Mr. Cobb is to erect a brick house on the site of the one burned in our second great fire, the work of excavating the cellar having already commenced.

Clydes W. Goodell, a Middlesex young man of twenty-one, was killed recently while at work in a saw mill, by a piece of wood which was thrown from the saw and crushed his skull.

CONNECTIONS.—In last week's notice of the Walton building John Ripley should be George Ripley. In the account of the runaway Sherman Caswell should appear as Thomas Caswell.

Julius Knapp has traded his house on Prospect street, on Berlin side, with Merrill Coffin, for his farm in Burlington, Minn. Mr. Knapp will soon commence the erection of another dwelling on the same street.

It bears in mind that the largest stock of writing paper, envelopes, box paper, and the like, to be found in Vermont, is at the *Argus* and *Patriot* store, opposite Bethany church, Montpelier, and at the very low prices, too.

Among the ten undergraduates at Dartmouth chosen to speak before the Trustees at Commencement we note the names of A. R. Willard, of Montpelier, C. H. Smith, of West Brattleboro, and L. A. Smith, of Norwich.

The road on Spring street from Elm street to the bridge is being macadamized with granite screenings from the works of Kimball & Carter. This is a much needed improvement, it being one of the worst pieces of road in town.

The meeting of Engine Company No. 5, was postponed from this evening for one week, on account of the bad condition of the roads. The "boys" are desirous of taking the engine out and having a "spin" at the next meeting.

This morning the sun came out bright and nature was seen in one of her loveliest aspects but this was too fine to last and the sky soon became covered with the heavy, dark clouds that have hung over us for a couple of weeks past.

Eddie W. Gove of Berlin has handed us three eggs laid by a buff cochon hen that measured seven inches by eight and one in circumference, the three weighing eleven ounces, said hen averaging four of the same size per week. He does not propose to sell these eggs by the dozen and if any one can furnish larger ones we would like to be the judge as to size and quality.

On Monday evening the hook and ladder company made their appearance on the street for the purpose of testing the use of a new extension ladder recently purchased by the village. It proved to be all that could be desired, it being perfect in its construction. In just sixty seconds from the time the word was given to raise it, it was raised upon the Hazen block, extending some fifteen feet above the roof, with Wallace Noyes at the top of the ladder, thus showing the efficiency of it at a fire, and that the "boys" know how to handle it. It was made in Bangor, Me., and cost \$150.

On Sunday last Abner Fowler, a pauper on the Montpelier town farm, attempted to stab Lee Mee, the overseer of the farm. Mee had requested him to assist in doing the chores, which Fowler refused to do, and began to use abusive and threatening language to him, closing the door to his room and looking it, shutting Mee out, who, in attempting to force an entrance into it through the windows, was stabbed by Fowler with a jackknife, the blade going through his clothes and cutting the skin a trifle. By watching Fowler's movements and jumping from the window, Mee probably escaped a severe wound. Fowler formerly resided in this village—and has the reputation of being of an ugly disposition.

The people accommodated by the mail service of the Montpelier & Wells River route will be pleased to learn of the re-appointment of Albert H. Bailey as mail agent on that road. Mr. Bailey is devotedly popular along the line having proved himself a first class agent in his former service. It seems to us that the department has shown very little regard for the principles of civil service reform in view of the changes that have been made in Mr. Bailey's reassignment. Mr. Pease who was transferred to the New York & Canada railroad is a nice man but not fitted for the service and we wonder he is still retained in it after so many complaints by the people. Mr. Wood who was recently appointed has just been removed for reasons best known to the department. We hardly blame the patrons of the line from exclaiming, "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer."

Mr. Phoebe Hazard of this village was one hundred and one years old on Monday, April 24th.

Fuller & Son are now selling windows cheaper than ever. Persons wishing to buy will do well to call on them.

A. D. Farwell has just returned from market with a splendid stock of goods suitable for men's and boys' wear. Call and examine goods and prices.

Hon. C. W. Willard left the Hot Springs, Arkansas, in improved health, about ten days ago. He is now in Washington.

BETHLEHEM.—Some enterprising parties in Bethel Lyman have just shipped to Boston five hundred maple trees, which they had cultivated and prepared for shade trees by transplanting from the forest to their fields four years ago.

The annual machine and stereotypic public examination of teachers was held in this town two weeks ago, at which three received certificates to teach in the fifteen schools in town. The others are "to be supplied," we suppose, from those having five year certificates, perhaps, of whom we venture the opinion that not more than one half could pass a satisfactory oral examination before any competent superintendent.

Eight months paid subscription for the *Herald and News* was sent last week for fifty cents a larger discount than was made on the *Observer* which was so loudly crowed over.

CHELSEA.—Rev. H. W. Worthen closed his second year's labors with the Methodist church in this place last Sabbath. At the close of the afternoon services four persons were admitted to membership in the church. In the evening Mr. Frank Allen and Miss Carrie Chamberlin were married at the chapel by Rev. Mr. Worthen in the presence of a large audience.

Last week we noticed the destruction of the "centennial tree" that was planted on the common. Since then another and much larger one has been planted in the same place. Those who caused it to be done deserve the thanks of the community. We hope it may remain and attain a vigorous growth, and be a memento to remind generations of the past.

"Ed." Brown, who is serving out his sentence in Chelsea jail for burglary, met with quite an accident a few days ago. He was practicing some gymnastic feats on a high railing, when he lost his balance and fell to the lower floor, about ten feet, head foremost. He received some severe bruises, though not fatal.

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